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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Peter M. Bonutti  
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Title : METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR USE IN  
ANCHORING A SUTURE  
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July 31, 1997

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of April 9, 1997, please  
amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14,  
15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 21, 39, 44, and 61 without prejudice.

Please cancel claim 7, which was indicated as being  
allowable, and rewrite the claim in independent form as claim  
73 as follows:

29. A method of positioning a suture anchor in body  
tissue, said method comprising the steps of engaging a surface  
area on body tissue with a leading end portion of a member  
which extends through an anchor engaged by a suture, piercing